

## NEWS OF THE STORES.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LUCKY  
WOMAN WHO CAN GO SHOP.  
PING THIS WEEK.

AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE  
BARGAINS IN CLOTHING FOR HUSBAND  
AND SON—EXQUISITE MILLINERY.

When one has regularly visited metropolitan stores for several seasons it naturally follows that she must be somewhat hardened on the subject of sales and bargains. But the wonderful display of the present Easter costumes, and the wonderful tolerance of familiarity, penetrated even the writer to feverish enthusiasm. The cause for this is the beautiful millinery shown at the opening of S. Koch & Sons and of Abraham & Strauss, and also by an unusual sale at Vantine & Strauss. Wanamaker is showing many charming hats, and Arnold, Constable & Co. have now on view their new French lingerie and corsets. Pritchard & Hamilton are providing the tourist with all comforts and conveniences in the way of traveling paraphernalia, while Best & Co. are showing all that is new in the way of children's clothing.

Young's hats are ready for the spring and summer season, and Smith, Gray & Co. are making a bid for the patronage of the rising generation by an unusual assortment of boys' clothing.

AT ABRAHAM & STRAUSS, FULTON-ST., BROOKLYN.

All promises have been kept and all expectations realized regarding the millinery department at Abraham & Strauss's. It has been a theme of eulogistic conversation among shoppers since last Tuesday, the opening day, when one of the largest, best-selected, most varied and stylish displays of head coverings for women ever seen in the metropolis was placed on view. Designs, both original and exclusive, are the rule, and unusual talent is evidenced in every item, whether the price be large or small.

One of the most charming hats shown, the one illustrated in the sketch bearing this firm's name, was made of exquisite green satin. The trimmings consisted of sprays of lilacs of the valley arranged around the crown and out upon the forehead. Their stems were hidden by a twisted fold of deep green tulle ribbon that encircled the crown and interlarded its silken folds with the large bouquet of "valley" and "valley" that adorned the left side. The imported hats are numerous and charming. The dainty, airy creations designed for the "follies" deserve particular notice from fashion-conscious women.

AT BEST & CO.'S, NO. 60 AND 62 WEST TWENTY-THIRD-ST.

Scientists have divided the flight of terrestrial time into periods, such as the glacial, the stone age, the iron age, and ours is certainly the age of specialists. In every direction modern man's talents can be made productive we now see them turned upon some special attainment or to-day.

The doctor was once as well the dentist, the farmer a surgeon, the blacksmith a veterinarian, the apothecary a chemist. A lawyer was everything between the covers of Blackstone, a notary, an attorney, a barrister, civil, criminal or what not as well. And who can deny that special application to specific ends has not returned in an otherwise unstable world?

Best & Co. are specialists, and to the end they have in view, they have directed scientifically, art-



TWO PRETTY SPRING COATS, AT BEST &amp; CO.'S.

istically and economically all talent obtainable, producing such results as such concentration of purpose could alone make possible. Stylish in design, unobtrusively perfect in fit, hygienically clean in manufacture, these products embody everything that a specialist can produce in the direction of garments for that portion of the family upon which love and hopes are centered—our children.

The care, however, with which they surround the manufacture of their goods does not increase prices for making and selling. Science has aided in reducing the cost of labor, and the immense wholesale purchases of materials they make are also an advantage. Perhaps the following may be a more pertinent and practical example.

Readers of all wool novelty shirte in different combinations, made double-breasted and trimmed with uniquely slashed silk lined collar, edged with three rows of white braid, for \$2.50 in any size from four to fourteenth.

Another popular garment is an Empire bodice, made of green, blue or red cloth and adorned with a large collar that extends over the shoulders, forming bretelles. This entire collar and the turned cuffs, which finish the full sleeves, are trimmed with an inch-wide braid, upon which are stitched three rows of gold cord. This size in this style is from four to twelve years, and the price—\$1.50.

Among the more elaborate refiners are the two charming models shown in this firm's sketch on this page. The first is a dress of white silk and trimmed with red and white striped ribbon. This ribbon starts at the collar, where it is fastened by a large collar, and runs down the front, where it is fastened at each point with a fancy knot. The dress is made of white silk.

AT A. VANTINE & CO.'S, 87 AND 89 BROADWAY.

It will probably be some time before the Japanese invades the American market with his threatened 100 bicycle for \$25, but in the direction of some other products with which he is more familiar he seems to be maintaining a similar ratio as against the rest of the world. If the prices at Vantine & Co.'s are as significant as they seem.

The prices that suggested the above are those marked on the bamboo furniture that will be placed on sale at this bazaar during the coming week.

In the assortment are the following: India seat, fourteen inches in height, \$1.25; bamboo wall cabinet, standing thirty-four inches high and fitted with matching shelves nine inches deep, \$1.50; bamboo foot rest, eighteen inches high, \$1.50; bamboo stand, tea table with octagonal top, \$2; fancy stand, top \$2.50; bamboo chair, bamboo corner chair with Japanese matting-covered seat, \$2.50; bamboo straight chair with inlaid bamboo seat, \$2.50; and two chairs for the table, \$2.50 each. Every piece of furniture exposed is imported, and the prices that have been so far marked are bargains are just half those formerly required. A material reduction has also been made in the prices of Persian, Turkish and India carpets, a sale of which will prove an added attraction to the bazaar.

AT ARNOLD, CONSTABLE & CO.'S, BROADWAY AND NINETEENTH-ST.

There are styles in corsets as well as shapes, and the latest design that dictatorial Paris insists is "good form" has a perfectly straight front with an outward sweep to the hips. Arnold, Constable & Co. are showing many different models in this style of corset, that has surely come to stay in spite of all predictions to the contrary. But then, this is an age of wise women, and they were quick to appreciate the wonderful comfort in wearing this corset as well as the fact that it is adaptable to any style of gown from the décolleté ball costume to the severely plain tailor-made. It is made of white tulle, batiste, black lasting, brocades, and every size in both short and long waisted models is obtainable.

Another new corset is made long in the front and the back and exceedingly short on the sides, giving perfect freedom to the hips and not hiding their graceful lines.

Special attention has been given to corsets for spring and riding, and every style, from the "century" or belt-shaped stay, to the Empire corset, with elastic bands over the hips, is represented. All of Arnold, Constable & Co.'s corsets are manufactured exclusively for them, and purchased may always have as many styles as desired tried on, so that a perfect fit is guaranteed.

The imported matinee dress illustrated in this firm's

## FASHION AND FASHION.

sketch is fashioned of white silk, made with a Watteau back and full front, confined at the waist line by a rash ribbon of white satin. A deep collar turned of rows of lace insertion, alternating with bands of white satin ribbon, trims the back; a continuation of the collar covers the shoulders and then forms loose revers down each side of the front. The tight sleeves of silk are covered with rows of lace and ribbon that divide when the puff is reached, allowing a glimpse of the silk beneath to show between the rows.

AT SMITH, GRAY & CO.'S, BROADWAY AND THIRTY-FIRST-ST.

Our young hopefuls have their openings nowadays along with their sisters and mamma, which fact Messrs. Smith, Gray & Co. give special heed to, as is witnessed by the extensive display which they will give during the coming week in their New-York and Brooklyn stores—a display that will delight the heart of master six-year-old as well as that of his older brother.

Perhaps the naughtiest suit for little chaps from three to seven years of age is the "Murray Hill," a picture of which is shown on this page. It is made of mixed wool material, with a separate vest and collar of white duck or grass linen, and is trimmed with rows of small smoked-pearl buttons. The trousers are short, and are finished with a band of black ribbon tied in a small, jaunty bow on the outside.

Commander suits will also be fashionable for boys of from three to twelve years. These come in short or long trousers, have the short pointed Eton jacket and separate shields appropriately embroidered.

Wash suits are equally attractive, being made for the small boys in the sailor blouse style, with collar and shields of a contrasting material. Wash suits for boys from seven to sixteen years of age are at once smart and comfortable. They have short trousers and a round, cutaway coat, single or double breasted, with which can be worn colored shirts.

AT WANAMAKER'S, BROADWAY AND TENTH-ST.

The imported gown depicted in the Wanamaker sketch is developed in that daintiest of all fabrics—a summer gown of black and white. The skirt is made separate from its white silk lining, and is trimmed with three rows of fine black lace insertion. The bodice shows a unique arrangement in its white silk front, adorned with rows of lace in its and confined at the waist line with a girde skirt of black with laid in wide folds and finished at the left side with a large bow of the satin. The right side of the bodice, is of the foilard, and is made fancy by several rows of lace insertion drawn across the front and draped most gracefully on the left side of the collar.

AT PRICHARD & HAMILTON'S, SIXTH-AVE. AND TWENTY-THIRD-ST.

One of the leading bazars de voyage in America is that of Prichard & Hamilton, and no more enticing trip to the four corners of the globe than their warehouse filled with every conceivable necessity, luxury and novelty for the comfort of the traveler by land or sea. Monkey skin is the new-coming of novelties for bags, belts, pocketbooks and cardcases. A novelty is also introduced in the shape of the traveling bag made of this skin, or



IMPORTED GOWN AT WANAMAKER'S.

specialty in a silk-covered, small-rolling umbrella, with natural wood handle, for \$5.

AT S. KOCH AND SONS, 24 WEST TWENTY-THIRD-ST.

At that little section of Paris that Koch & Sons have transported to Gotham, wherein one instinctively applies "chic" and "à la mode" to every article, the artist has selected, if not one of the most beautiful, at least one of the most striking examples of French spring millinery. The hat illustrated has a decidedly wide brim, slit at the back and fastened up on each side in a most novel way. The crown is of a light green straw, divided by folds of black velvet. A large cloud of white tulle, ribbon twisted on the left side, and the back close to the hair, and a band of silk covered with white hyacinths gives the hat that tilt that is still noticeable in fashionable millinery.

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## A REPLY TO AN ATTACK.

MRS. ROSE HAWTHORNE LATHROP ANSWERS THE ACCUSATIONS MADE AGAINST HER.

A bitter attack is being made on Mrs. Rose Hawthorne Lathrop's work among the poor. The organized charities complain of her methods, and physicians say that it is illegal for one who has no license to practise medicine to the extent she does.

Mrs. Lathrop is not in the least disturbed by these criticisms, and expressed herself very emphatically on the subject to a Tribune reporter who saw her yesterday at New Water-st.

"If I thought for a moment," she said, "that I, or any one I induce to enter into my line of work, would finally come to an organized condition such as I believe prevails in much of the charity flourishing at present, I would return to a life of ease, as the lesser evil. I am far more afraid of organization than most people are of cancer. Do I need to explain why, when organized charity, as we know it, is the worst of evils, and charity into such ill-repute that even the poor try to escape from it? In my five months on the East Side I have seen nothing encouraging in such organized charity, and even have witnessed and known of gross unkindness and absurd dignity toward applicants, in the name of Jesus Christ. No wonder that the public has made up its mind to study the question of a sort of organized charity that shall be holy and true!

HER OWN EFFORT.

"As for my little effort on my own responsibility," continued Mrs. Lathrop, "I do not expect to get very far with it, nor to influence a large number of people, nor to take the city under my wing. But I hope to start a care of cancerous poor as yet unheard of in America, except to the few, though well carried on abroad. And I hope to do nothing insulting or cold-hearted to any of the poor, so long as I work for them, nor to withhold from them any medical relief within my power to obtain for them, and which is considered indispensable in the case of the rich who suffer from the disease I have chosen to deal with. I expect that, having by my rather ignorant labors planted here a seed of Mrs. Garnier's work in France, others better able to direct its growth will become interested, and that there will be established at last in America a charity as beautiful as the suffering it relieves is terrible. Organizations based upon a love that is kept strong and pure by the exercise of self-denial and personal sympathy, voluntary poverty and continuous prayer, are not at all likely to make suspicious their contemporaries.

"A charity organization that represents the splendid generosity of many individuals, making a whole of public kindness sufficient to cheer the saddest heart, is an organization not paid, except by God. The charity that makes the suffering poor understand that they are to be guarded against all probable impostors, under the old and sickening excuse of saving help for the million, number of worthy people who need aid (so the fable has it)—such a charity is always salaried, and absorbs a dreadful amount of revenue, which, perhaps, could

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PEOPLE OF PROMINENCE.

Mrs. Gage, the wife of the Secretary of the Treasury, is a handsome, middle-aged woman, with a well-known faculty for making friends and holding them. In Albany, her old home, she is exceedingly popular, and everywhere she maintains an active and influential position. She is a discriminating reader, and is fully abreast with all important topics of the day. Mrs. Gage has left a beautiful home in Chicago and a large circle of friends, who feel that her place among them cannot be easily supplied. That she will be popular in Washington society is a foregone conclusion.

Lady Scott, Earl Russell's mother-in-law, has been in prison for some time for libelling his lordship. A recent medical examination disclosed the fact that Lady Scott's health is greatly impaired by her close confinement, and the Home Secretary may order her to be released at an early date. She threatens to renew her hostilities against her son-in-law as soon as she is free, and her relatives cannot induce her to promise to let him alone.

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